



KALIHI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 16

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006** **KALIHI VALLEY DISTRICT PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Jory Watland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lance Bateman, Wilton Ching, Lisa Mitchell, Jory Watland, Chester Koga Anthony De Campo, and Merry Balatico

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kanoa Bristol, William Woods-Bateman

GUESTS: Lisa Ginoza (Governor Linda Lingle's representative, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General), Edgar Fernandez (Representative Dennis Arakaki Staff); Noel Ono (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative); Councilmember Romy Cachola, Elisa Agpaoa (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Al Canopin (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Sgt. Pedro and Sgt. Iwane (Honolulu Police Department), Fire Fighter Kevin Farm (Honolulu Fire Department), Ronald Sato, C. Murakami, Jared Chang (SSFM); James Rodrigues Sr. (Kalihi Uka Booster); Mitsy Sao (Farrington High School); Sheen Domen (Kalihi YMCA); Joey Manahan (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

CITY GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD)- Kevin Farm reported the following:

1. Statistics for the month of January: 4 structure, 2 brush, 6 rubbish and 1 vehicle fire. There were 61 medical emergencies, 0 search and rescues and 5 miscellaneous service calls.
2. Community Relations:

Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. Postal Codes along with City ordinances, state that all property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner as to be readily seen from the street. Having your address plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting your property will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders to locate you more quickly in the event of an emergency.

Questions, answers, and comments:

Hazel Murakami thanked HFD for answering her call and commended them on their professionalism.

Vice Chair Watland thanked Capt. Bowers for attending the meeting.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD)- Sgt. Iwane distributed the written report. Rather than read the statistics, Vice Chair Watland requested Sgt. Iwane report anything out of the ordinary as it pertains to the monthly statistics. There were no unusual statistics.

Questions answers and comments:

1. HPD engages in officer missions where officers choose their area of coverage and focus their efforts on these.
2. Member Koga reported that the illegally parked cars on Kalihi Street seem to have moved during morning hours, however, there are still problems in the afternoon.

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3. In response to Bateman's question to the recent bank robberies and where they are reflected on the monthly statistics, Sgt. Iwane replied that they are reflected in the sector 4 statistics, which is out of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board district.

The Chair thanked Sgt. Iwane for attending the meeting.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS)- No representative was present.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

Farrington High School (FHS) Parent-Community Networking Center– Misty Sao distributed her report and highlighted the following: Ms. Sao is Farrington's new Parent-Community Networking Center (PCNC) Parent Facilitator. Among her many responsibilities, she facilitates the building and strengthening of FHS's caring network of partners and to make FHS a welcoming place. She also organizes parent and family learning activities to support student achievement and well-being.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. Mitchell reported the Kalihi Valley Bike Exchange (KVIBE) holds its meetings every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
2. Mitchell reported the FHS motion program offers a wide variety of free exercise classes including yoga, and she encouraged everyone to take advantage of this program.
3. Member Bateman and Vice Chair Watland recommended that Mitchell save her comments for announcements rather than express them as residents concerns.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Jory Watland reported the following: 1) Operational Balance to date is \$1,201.03 2) Publicity balance to date is \$175.01 3) refreshment balance to date is \$120.00.

Questions, answers, and comments:

In response to Vice Chair Watland's question regarding the videographers being compensated, Bob Farrell responded in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 11, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Board member Bateman motioned and Board member Koga seconded to approve the November 9, 2005 regular meeting minutes with the following corrections:

Page 3 item 6 should read "In response to Mitchell's question regarding the Kupehau slope drainage and retaining wall..."

Page 5 under Questions answers and comments item 2: "April 16" should read be changed to "April 9"

The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT—Deferred. (The Chair Bateman-Woods was testifying at the Legislature.)

BUSINESS AND REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR) BOATING PUMP-OUT FACILITY AT KEEHI SMALL BOAT HARBOR – Vice Chair Watland mentioned Kalihi-Palama not organized or with quorum. NB #15 has not been able to conduct business. The implications of their inability to hear certain issues and take action or a position affect neighboring Boards. As such, Ron Sato of SSFM was invited to make a presentation regarding a sewer line project that will take place at Keehi Lagoon. Sato distributed report and highlighted the following: The project will replace existing wastewater collection and disposal system, which presently consists

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of seepage pits. Improvements are needed because existing seepage pits are ineffective and inoperable due to clogging and a high groundwater table at this site. Improvements will be made to be consistent with the State Department of Health's (DOH) policies for improving water quality. The project is intended to increase storage capacity of the pump-out facility in order to serve boaters and reduce maintenance costs, which require wastewater to be pumped and taken away for disposal. Project improvements will require the construction of a new sewer line the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) Harbor Masters Office across the parking lot, under the Kalihi Channel, and connect to the existing sewer system at the Sand Island Recreational Area. It will provide a new sewer lift station in the Keehi Small Boat Harbor parking lot. It will replace the existing pump out facility with a new facility and construct a sewer line connecting this to the new sewer lift station. The project will replace the existing holding tanks and close existing seepage pits.

Questions, answers, and comments followed:

1. In response to Member Bateman's question, Sato mentioned that the project that harbors fall under the State's jurisdiction, but the project is being subsidized with federal funding.
2. The project will cost approximately \$2 million.
3. In response to a question regarding markings or signs to warn boaters of the project, the DOBOR representative replied that boats are not allowed to anchor in the area as it is a thoroughfare for incoming and outgoing vessels.
4. Water service will not be disrupted to area residents as well as offshore live-aboards.
5. In response to a question from the Board regarding how much parking will be lost at Sand Island Park, Sato responded that it would be minimal. Even though the project's completion is scheduled for eight months, it will be done in stages to minimize the effect on park users.
6. Sato mentioned there will be a machine to suck up the drill slurry, so byproducts from the drilling will not contaminate the water and the area.
7. In response to a question regarding how deep the drilling will be beneath the Kalihi Channel, Sato responded, six feet below the seabed.
8. The proposed Tesoro storage tanks will not be affected by this project.

The Vice Chair Watland thanked Sato for attending the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE- Noel Ono distributed the Mayor's report and highlighted the following:

1. Mr. Pascual Dabis was contacted confirming the date, place, and time of the Kalihi Boosters Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The last mowing at Decorte Neighborhood Park (where the Easter Egg Hunt will be held) is scheduled for March 27, two weeks prior to the April 9 Easter Egg Hunt. Mowing will begin again on April 10, 2006. Mr. Dabis was informed that three weeks without proper mowing allows the weeds to reestablish themselves.
2. The debris restricting flow into the grating was cleared to improve drainage. Additionally, DRM will remove all of the grates (grates have to be unbolted) and perform a more through cleaning. This additional cleaning is scheduled to be completed within the next 30 days.
3. The managing director was briefed on the issue of the S-Curve and has begun to look into the issues as brought forth by the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board:
 - a. Design issues would need to be addressed by DDC
 - b. Filling in of existing land needs to be addressed by DPP and/or DTS

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- c. Placing of Boulders on City property would need to be addressed by DFM, DDC, DTS and/or DPP.
 - d. Potential plans for corrective action to see if a plan for remediation can now be developed would need to be addressed by DTS, DFM and DDC
 - e. It should be noted that no funding is available in the FY06 or programmed in the FY07 CIP budget.
4. The Mayor is working to restore curbside recycling, and green waste curbside recycling pick up will remain unchanged.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. Vice Chair Jory Watland and Member Lance Bateman raised the following concerns with regards to a development taking place at Numana Road mauka/diamond head of the bridge:
 - Gravel has been dumped on Numana Road and on the bridge.
 - The property being developed excavated and dumped fill on the property adjacent to it.
 - The owners of the adjacent property complained but there was no attempt from the City to intervene.
 - Chair Bill Woods-Bateman and Lance Bateman went to the property being developed and there were no permits on the lot. They also went to DPP and the permits for the development could not be verified.
 - Vice Chair Jory Watland raised concerns with regards to the development taking place along the stream as it may alter its flow.
2. Lisa Mitchell asked to please check with Chris Sayers, City's Bike Coordinator, regarding the status of her request for increased signage for bikers to be installed along Kam IV Road. According to Lisa, the signs were supposed to be installed in November 2005.
3. Lisa Mitchell is requesting if there can be an increase in service for the # 7 Bus on Sundays from every hour to every half-hour.
4. Vice Chair Jory Watland was inquiring if there could be a temporary patch placed on the roadwork being done on Kam IV Road and School Street mauka.
5. Vice Chair Watland is requesting that a representative from the Board be present at subsequent meetings pertaining to the S-Curve on Kalihi Street.

Ono was thanked for his report.

REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS ARAKAKI- Edgar Fernandez highlighted the bills Representative Arakaki introduced this Legislative Session including a bill for universal health care.

Fernandez was thanked for attending the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ROMY CACHOLA- Councilmember Cachola reported the following: 1) He introduced Lisa Agpaoa, his new staff, who will be attending the meetings. Any issues and concerns may be addressed to Lisa. 2) Cachola raised concerns about multi-jurisdictional issues that are brought before the neighborhood Boards. He expressed that each Neighborhood Board should respect their jurisdictions, however there are issues, such as sewer line and water main projects, that affect neighboring areas that should be heard by those Boards that are being affected. 3) When asked about the S-curve issue, Cachola responded that this was not his district, however he would support Councilmember Tam and any efforts made to address the S-Curve, which is a safety issue in Kalihi Valley.

Vice Chair Watland Chair thanked Cachola for attending the meeting and listening to the concerns.

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COUNCILMEMBER ROD TAM – Vice Chair Watland complimented Al Canopin for his help with the real property tax issue. Al Canopin distributed Councilmember Tam's monthly report and was available for questions:

1. In response to Watland's question regarding curbside recycling initiative, Canopin replied it is no different from the administration's proposal.
2. In response to Mitchell's question regarding the address for the apartment building referred to in Councilmember Tam's report, Canopin replied that a number of homeowners complained with regards to the general area and there was no specific address.

The Chair thanked Canopin for his report.

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE- Lisa Ginoza, Deputy Attorney General, highlighted the following:

In response to Mitchell's question from last month, although the administration supports it, the State is not producing any agricultural products for use in Ethanol production at the moment.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. In response to Vice Chair Watland's question regarding the possible use of the park conveyed by the State with Act 183 to cultivate agricultural products for the support of ethanol production, Ginoza replied she would look into the inquiry.
2. Vice Chair Watland suggested a survey be done among the homes to see how many of them have been evicted from housing.

Ginoza was thanked for attending the meeting.

SENATOR DONNA MERKADO KIM – Maxine Shea distributed the Senator's report and was available for questions:

Vice Chair Watland requested that Senator Kim follow up on the vacancies with regards to Kalihi Valley Homes (KVH). Shea assured the Board that Senator Kim is looking into the issue of vacant units at KVH and will update the Board on any developments.

Shea was thanked for attending the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Lisa Mitchell is organizing a recycling fundraiser with Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV), which will be held at Kaewai school on March 4.
2. The Kalihi Boosters are having their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 12:00 p.m. on April on April 9 at Kalihi Valley District Park.
3. The Kalihi Boosters are organizing a lei sale to help fund the Easter Egg Hunt. Lei's will be sold for 3 for \$5.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Watland thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and hearing no objections, he adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Initial draft submitted by Joey Manahan, Neighborhood Assistant.

These draft minutes were not reviewed under Neighborhood Board # 16 guidelines prior to initial publication due to lateness of their availability to Board.